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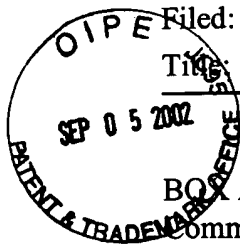
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I, Janal M. Kalis, am the attorney of record for the above identified patent application as evidenced by the Power of Attorney filed in the present application on March 22, 2001. I am making this petition on behalf of General Mills, Inc., the assignee of the present invention. As the attorney of record, I am empowered to act on behalf of the assignee and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b)(iv), to sign this terminal disclaimer.

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Your petitioner, General Mills, Inc., certifies that they are the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent application (Serial No. 09/707,184) and to U.S. Serial No. 09/707,676. Your petitioner owns the entire right, title, and interest of these applications by nature of the assignments executed and filed for both of these applications. The assignment for U.S. Serial No. 09/707,676 was recorded on March 26, 2001 on Reel 011652, Frames 0506 - 0510, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The assignment for the above-identified patent application (Serial No. 09/707,184) was recorded on March 26, 2001 on Reel 011653, Frames 0343 - 0347, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned representative of the assignee has reviewed the evidentiary documents of title and certifies that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee, General Mills, Inc., seeking to take the action set forth in this disclaimer.

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A check in the amount of \$110.00, which is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) to file a statutory disclaimer, is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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